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**RE: 2020 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program & Call for Projects**

Dear Road Agency Partner:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce the fourth annual call for projects of the Local Grade Crossing Surface Program. The Program is administered in compliance with enabling legislation, details of which can be found in Act 51, MCL 247.661(1)(d). As a reminder, the Program provides 60% state funding and requires a 40% railroad match: there is no expectation of financial participation by any local road agency.

In consideration of feedback received during the first three years of the Program, the solicitation and selection process has been moved forward again, to allow greater opportunity for advance coordination with other planned highway and railroad capital projects. Guidance for the 2020 Program follows below:

- **Applications will be accepted if received via e-mail or postmarked by September 27, 2019**
- Applications must be submitted by road agencies, in cooperation with a participating railroad
- **Applications must include detailed railroad estimates and updated vehicle traffic counts**
- Eligible project costs include materials, labor and equipment: engineering costs are not eligible
- **Applications will be evaluated and projects will be selected and announced by late November**
- Project selection will be in compliance with the criteria established by law

All prospective projects require proof of 40% railroad participation and documentation that relevant MMUTCD-compliant traffic control plans have been approved by the affected road agency, so *it is incumbent upon railroads and road agencies to work together to assure that applications are complete and accurate*. It should also be noted there are significant public advantages if a proposed project includes coordinated adjacent road work, as the entire crossing environment can be enhanced all at one time. Therefore, road agencies are encouraged to seek opportunities to combine adjacent roadway surface improvement projects with any pending railroad crossing applications, as this project category will receive priority consideration in the 2020 Program.

Application materials and instructions are available on-line at the MDOT Office of Rail web page, and a list of railroad contact information is attached for your reference. Please feel free to contact my office directly at 517-335-3054 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristian N. Foondle, Manager  
Local Grade Crossing Programs  
[www.michigan.gov/mdotrail](http://www.michigan.gov/mdotrail)

Enclosure (reverse side): Railroad Crossing Contact List

# **RAILROAD CROSSING CONTACT LIST**

**Adrian & Blissfield Railroad (ADBF)**

**AMTRAK**

**Ann Arbor Railroad (AA)**

**Charlotte Southern Railroad (CHS)**

**Canadian National (CN)**

**Conrail (CR)**

**Coopersville & Marne Railway (CM)**

**CSX Transportation (CSX)**

**Delray Connecting Railroad (DC)**

**Detroit Connecting Railroad (DCON)**

**Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad (ELS)**

**Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK)**

**Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad (GRE)**

**Great Lakes Central Railroad (GLC)**

**Huron & Eastern Railway (HE)**

**Indiana Northeastern Railroad (IN)**

**Indiana & Ohio Railway (IO)**

**Jackson & Lansing Railroad**

**Lapeer Industrial Railroad (LIRR)**

**Lake State Railway (LSRC)**

**Lake Superior & Ishpeming (LSI)**

**Marquette Rail (MQT)**

**Michigan Shore Railroad (MS)**

**Michigan Southern Railroad (MSO)**

**Mid-Michigan Railroad (MM)**

**Mineral Range Railroad (MR)**

**Norfolk Southern Railway (NS)**

**West Michigan Railroad (WMI)**

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***SPECIAL NOTE: in compliance with MCL 462.309(4), any change in elevation of a grade crossing greater than 1 inch requires advance mutual agreement between the railroad and road agency. Please be sure to review all proposed work and coordinate with the railroad accordingly.***